## In the claims

## 1-19. (cancelled)

## 20. (currently amended) A fabric softener composition comprising

- A) 0.5 to 50 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of cationic quaternary ammonium salts; tertiary fatty amines having at least one C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>alkyl chains, carboxylic acids having 8 to 30 carbons atoms and one carboxylic group per molecule; esters of polyhydric alcohols; fatty alcohols; ethoxylated fatty alcohols; alkyphenols; ethoxylated alkyphenols; ethoxylated fatty amines; ethoxylated monoglycerides; ethoxylated diglycerides; mineral oils and/or polyols;
- B) 0.005 to 15 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the cationic polymer formed from
- a) a blend of a cationic monomer of formula (I)

$$R_{1} = C = C - C - X - R_{3} = N_{1} + R_{5}$$
 (I)

wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is hydrogen or methyl,

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl,

R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkylene,

R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are independently from each other hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl,

X is -O- or -NH- and

Y is Cl; Br; I; hydrogen sulphate or methosulfate;

and a non-ionic monomer of formula (II)

$$R_{7} = C = C - C - N R_{9}$$

$$R_{10} = C + C - N R_{10}$$
(II)

wherein

R<sub>7</sub> is hydrogen or methyl,

R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl, and

R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> [[sre]] <u>are</u> independently from each other <del>hydrogen or C</del><sub>1</sub>-C₄alkyl;

- b) at least one cross-linking agent in an amount of more than 500 ppm by the weight of component a) and
- c) at least one chain transfer agent;
- C) 0 to 20 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of customary additives; and
- D) water to 100 %.
- 21. (previously presented) A fabric softener composition according to Claim 20 comprising
  - A) 0.5 to 50 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of a fabric softener;
  - B) 0.005 to 15 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the cationic polymer;
  - C) 0 to 20 % wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of customary additives; and
  - D) 0 to 5% wt-%, based in the total weight of the composition, of a perfume, and
  - E) water to 100 %.
- 22. (previously presented) A fabric softener composition according to claim 21 comprising
  - A) 0.5 to 50 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the fabric softener;
  - B) 0.005 to 15 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of the cationic polymer;
  - C) 0 to 20 wt-%, based on the total weight of the composition, of customary additives;
  - D) 0 to 5 wt-%, based in the total weight of the composition, of a perfume;
  - E) 0 to 0.5 wt-%, based in the total weight of the composition, of a component capable of sequestering metal ions and selected from the group consisting of:
    - i) chelating components selected from the group consisting of amino carboxylic acid, organo aminophosphonic acid components, and mixtures thereof,
    - ii) polycarboxylic building components, other than those defined under i) as chelating components, comprising at least two carboxylic radicals separated from each other by not more than two carbon atoms, and,
    - iii) mixtures thereof, and
  - F) water to 100 %.

23. (original) A fabric softener composition according to Claim 20, wherein the customary additives are alcohols; polyhydric alcohols; amphoteric and nonionic surfactants; oxyethylated fatty alcohols; hydrogenated and ethoxylated castor oil; alkyl polyglycosides; fatty alcohols; fatty acid

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esters; fatty acids; ethoxylated fatty acid glycerides; or fatty acid partial glycerides; inorganic or organic salts; non-aqueous solvents; pH buffers; perfumes; dyes; hydrotropic agents; antifoams; anti redeposition agents; enzymes; optical brighteners; antishrink agents; stain removers; germicides; fungicides; antioxidants; corrosion inhibitors; dye fixing agents; dye transfer inhibitors; wrinkle recovery agents and/or wet soiling reduction agents.

## 24-37 (cancelled)

**38.** (**previously presented**) A fabric softener composition according to Claim 20 wherein the cationic polymer of component B) is in the form of particles which have a volume average size of below 10 microns when the cationic polymer is added to the composition.

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